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In re application of

Marinus Marias BOONE et al. Conf. No. 3723

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HEARING AID COMPRISING AN ARRAY
OF MICROPHONES

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of January 12, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Make of record the substitute specification attached hereto, as well as the marked-up version of the originally-filed specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

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--1. (amended) Hearing aid for improving the hearing ability of the hard of hearing, comprising:

an array of microphones (8-12), electrical output signals of the array of microphones being fitted to at least one transmission path belonging to an ear,

means for deriving two array output signals from the output signals of the array of microphones (8-12; 26-36), the